Report of the Review Group on the Application for University Title by the Hong Kong Institute of Education

Abbreviations and Glossary of Terms

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EDB	Education Bureau
FYFD	First-year-first-degree undergraduate intake places
HEI	Higher education institution
HKCAAVQ	Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications
HKIEd	The Hong Kong Institute of Education
KPI	Key performance indicator
LegCo	The Legislative Council
MTR	Mass Transit Railway
McKinsey	McKinsey and Company, Management Consultants
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PAA	Programme Area Accreditation – Stage three of the four-stage quality assurance process of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications
PISA	Programme for International School Assessment of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
QA	Quality assurance
QAC	Quality Assurance Council
QS	Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd, compilers/publishers of World University Rankings

RAE   Research Assessment Exercise

RGC   Research Grants Council

RPg   Research postgraduate

SEN   Special educational needs

TLQPR   Teaching and Learning Quality Process Review

UGC   University Grants Committee

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Academic Supporting Staff
Category of staff within Hong Kong Institute of Education who undertake teaching, student supervision and administration but for whom research is not a formal part of their duties.

Council (of HKIEd) and Council Officers
The Council is the executive governing body of the Hong Kong Institute of Education and has general control over the administration of the Institute and the conduct of its affairs.

Development Blueprint
'Development Blueprint: Becoming a University of Education', published by HKIEd in June 2007.

Education-plus
An approach to academic study developed by HKIEd, based on a common curricular framework which promotes study across disciplinary boundaries.

Mission drift
In a higher education context mission drift occurs when an institution with clear goals and functions assumes other goals and functions in order to inter alia, attract more students, more funding or more prestige, usually in a competitive environment.

Review Group	The Review Group established by the University Grants Committee at its meeting on 12 September 2014 to conduct a special review on HKIEd's application for university title in July 2014.
Review Group (2009)	The Review Group established by the University Grants Committee in August 2007 to conduct a special review of HKIEd's 'Development Blueprint' published in June 2007. The Review Group submitted its Report to the UGC in February 2009.
Seedcorn funding	Investment made in an activity which is expected to yield a return in due course. In a higher education context, investment might be in a new degree course, for example, or in a research project.
Self-accreditation	The powers vested within a higher education institution to accredit/validate its own programmes. The prerogative of awarding self-accrediting status rests with the Government, and HKIEd was granted self-accrediting status in respect of its teacher education programmes at degree level and above in March 2004.
Student portal	A student portal is an online gateway where students, teaching staff and administrators can log into an institutional website to access and manage important program and individual information.